

**Tuesdays with Tammy Nevada Libraries Forum**  
from  
**Nevada State Library, Archives and Public Records**  
10 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Tuesday  
August 25, 2020

**Notes**

Attending: Sulin Jones, Norma Fowler, Bruce Douglass, Betts Markle, Hope Williams, NSLAPR; Guest facilitator - Diane Baker, Carson City; Guest speaker – Sarah Adler, Consultant/Lobbyist; Jessica Anderson, Humboldt County; Amy Bruno, Shanna Gibbons, Pahrump; Kathie Brinkerhoff, Pershing County; Jeff Scott, Washoe County; Maggie Farrell, Gregory Crawford, UNLV; Ron Belbin, WNC; Nancy Schmidt, SCLL.



## **WHAT PEOPLE ARE THINKING RIGHT NOW**



### **Strengths:**

- Libraries are flexible in times of crisis.
- Libraries provide essential services for their communities.
- Libraries are known for annual events for the community.
- Libraries are for everyone.
- Libraries are places that provide services without judgement.



### **Struggles:**

- Struggling to maintain services while keeping a safe work environment.
- Finding ways to assist communities during the COVID19 pandemic and economic downturn.
- Limiting duplication of efforts between libraries and schools.



### **Opportunities**

- Being clever, creative, and sustainable during these times creates support among the communities the libraries serve.
- Demonstrating value for what libraries do



### **Trends**

- Strengthening partnerships among families, schools, and libraries.
- Decreased participation in programs compared to previous years.

## Announcements:

- Webinars involving customer service and Mental Wellness are posted on our site: <https://nsla.nv.gov/COVID19/10MinuteWellness>
- Today marks the 23<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday that we have met
- “Women’s Equality Day” August 26
- Save the Date: August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020, SCLL Meeting @ 12:00 p.m. via Zoom <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/82167403985> Meeting materials posted at <https://nsla.nv.gov/SCLL08270>
- Save the Date: September 10, 2020, READ Nevada Virtual Event. Governor Sisolak celebrates reading, summer reading trends, library online story times, and more. New Family Night Reading Challenge for Fall 2020. More information coming.
- Save the Date: “Resilient Together: Building School and Public Library Partnerships”, a 3-week course, October 14, 21, 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/resilient-together-building-school-and-public-library-partnerships-tickets-113371027796> Early bird registration deadline August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. LSTA CE grants are available.
- September Presenter “Helping students deal with going back to school and new models of learning,” with Lisa Keating, PhD, Clinical Psychologist, Sierra Psychological Associates LLC.

Welcome – Diane Baker, guest facilitator, welcomed everyone by sharing the meeting’s intentions:

1. promote unity, fraternity, and help build resilience
2. debrief and share
3. assist in the response phase and start the recovery phase
4. to learn and be better prepared

Guest Speaker: Sarah Adler, VISTA volunteer who helped found Advocates to End Domestic Violence in Carson City, consultant and lobbyist for Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence. She has also worked as both English Teacher and Grant Manager for Carson City School District, and for rural communities and economic development for the state and federal agencies specializing in infrastructure, housing, and broadband issues.

- Librarians are the rock stars who provide an essential service for our communities.
- Library reputation – pre-Covid, what was your library known for in the community? Any unique annual events, services, fun fund-raisers?
- In the present, libraries had to become more creative, clever, and sustainable in their services.
- It is important for libraries to be places of community access without judgement: a place where people can search for work, housing, communicate with government agencies, access medical services, and pay bills.
- Expanding the use of pop-up libraries to various parts of the community is a clever way to help libraries be more sustainable in the future.
- Use library resources to help sustain and support student learning through tele-tutoring.
- Americorps can provide cost effective and capable staff resources that libraries could consider for community projects.
- Community reputation - continuing current library services and creating more of an impact for your community.
- Maintain as much as possible the continuity of community events and annual events your library was known for in the past. This will maintain the good will of your community towards the library as a whole.

Check-In:

**Diane Baker, Carson City:** Carson City Library staff will be attending the ARSL Virtual Conference at the end of September. ARSL has group registrations available (LSTA CE funding available) for the virtual conference program. The content will also be available following the conference.

**Kathie Brinkerhoff, Pershing County:** Still doing reservations for computers and there has been some additional positive COVID19 happening here.

**Jessica Anderson, Humboldt:** We are trying to help the English language portion of school by putting together packets of books for 3 to 8 graders. We also are providing digital copies of the books in Overdrive/Sora so they can access them with their student ID number.

**Maggie Farrell, UNLV:** We started classes yesterday and it is busy time in the library. Students, for the most part, are wearing masks and following protocol. It is good to have them back but the energy is much less than previous years.

**Ron Belbin, WNC:** We are getting ready for the new semester that will start Monday morning. We are trying to react as fast as possible to changing conditions. The college has bought 75 Chromebooks that will be available to students to access online classes and resources. We have received some really good applications for our Discovery Librarian position. The position will remain open for another 10 days, so let anyone interested know.

**Shanna Gibbons, Pahrumph:** We have been open since June 3<sup>rd</sup> with limited access of 25 people in the library at one time. We also have curbside service. We did get 15 hotspots that can only be checked out by students. Right now there are 8 still available for check out. The people who have checked them out are grateful and we are letting them keep them for a quarter semester. School started yesterday so we are hoping the rest get checked out soon. If not, we will advertise them more widely.

**Sulin Jones, NSLA:** The public Library CARES Act grant deadline is August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020, but is flexible; if you need more time, please let me know. Also, we're at capacity for the Library Juice Foundations of Early Literacy course. It will be offered again in January so there will be another opportunity for those who weren't able to get in this time.

**Jeff Scott, Washoe County:** We are trying to procure Chromebooks, but they are in short supply. We decided against hotspots because of the monthly expense and being unable to purchase enough to make a difference for our community. We are expanding our "grab and go" service. We will be hosting early voting sites and we are preparing for everything that can be thrown at us.